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In re U.S. Patent Application Dirk COSTROP et al.

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Attorney Docket No. COST3002/JEK

For: DEVICE AND METHOD TO FEED AND ALIGN A WEB WITH

**INCREASED WEB STABILITY FOR PRINTING** 

### **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

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International Search Report dated May 2, 2005 established in International Patent Application No. PCT/BE2004/000168, of which this application is the U.S. national stage.

### CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY (Non-English Language Documents Only)

All of the documents with the exception of US 5,685,471 are mentioned in the specification of this application and the relevancy of each document is evident from the specification.

US 5,685,471 is mentioned in the International Search Report established in PCT/BE2004/000168, a copy of which is appended hereto. The relevancy of the documents is evident from the search report.

#### STATEMENT OF CUMULATIVE INFORMATION

US 6,634,534 corresponds to US 2002/0179671 mentioned in the specification of this application.

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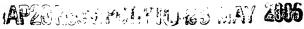
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